

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 10th January 2010

Free IRTS Membership!

A reminder to IRTS members that all members who pay their annual membership subscription by direct debit will be entered in a draw at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, with five prizes of free membership for a year.

Full details are in the December issue of Echo Ireland. A direct debit mandate was included with the latest Echo Ireland or can be downloaded from the Downloads page of the IRTS web site.

IRTS Committee Meeting

Affiliated Club reps are reminded that the next IRTS Committee meeting will be held at the Maldron Hotel in Portlaoise at 11am on Saturday the 23rd of January should they wish to attend.

IRTS Winter 80m Counties Contest

Congratulations to all who took part in the IRTS Winter 80m Counties Contest. Conditions during the Contest were very good locally with 31 Counties being heard.

During the last hour conditions opened to mainland Europe with F, PA, ON, OZ, SM, DL, and Italy worked in some logs. Thanks to all those that sent in their logs, at present there are 30 logs received via email, with 27 of them using the Super Duper logging program by Paul EI5DI.

Thanks also to all you contesters for leaving the frequencies between 3.650 and 3.700 and 3.775 to 3.800 free for those not interested in contesting.

Please send in your logs even if only a few QSO's to contestmanager /at/ irts.ie

Region 4 Theory Classes

13 candidates are to attend radio theory classes starting on next Wednesday 13th January at the Limerick Institute of Technology. Classes will commence at 1900 in

room 3B.04

Anyone looking for further information should contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB on 087-2532512 ei4gxb /at/ gmail.com or QTHR.

Wicklow Town Club first meeting

The meeting is scheduled for January 13th at 19.30pm 2010 in The Glebe National School in Wicklow town.

Ian's mobile is 086 8057242 if you need to call. All are welcome to attend

Special Event Goes Maritime Mobile

As part of the special event initiative with Ei2GBW and GB2Ei, maritime mobile station G2YC/MM will be QRV from cruise ferry MV Julia on the Irish Sea during January and March.

Dates for activation of G2YC/MM are 25 Jan, 30/31 Jan, 1-4 March, 20/21 March and 31 March/1 April. Ei2GBW and GB2Ei, which are not allowed to operate maritime mobile, will continue land-based operations through early April 2010.

Stations working the two special event stations and the maritime mobile station will qualify for the "Spirit of Inisfallen Award." See the Ei2GBW listing on QRZ.com for further details.

CQ CQ calling news items

As is common through the year we have occasional lulls in news from EI. If your group or club are involved in anything that you would like to share with our Listeners or readers please pass on the information to our editor.

CW Club

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club is a new club with a difference... it is for CW only.

This new club was formed late last year by a small group of enthusiastic CW operators who wish to see the continued use of Morse Code together with all its

advantages for world wide communications.

Essex CW Amateur Radio Club is affiliated to the RSGB and the club call is G1FCW.

Further information can be obtained from the club's website:

www.essexcw.org.uk

AREN AGM.

On Saturday February 6th all AREN members are requested to attend a meeting being held in the Park Hotel, Clonmel County Tipperary.

Contact John Ronan, EI7IG for further information.

2010 Olympic Winter Games - special Canadian prefixes

The following Amateur Radio prefixes will be available for use in Canada from February 1st to March 31st, to commemorate the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in British Columbia.

Canadian stations with a VA prefix can use VG, VY can use XK, VO can use XJ, and VE can use VX.

Amateur radio satellite has 'near miss'

The Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) website is reporting that a Russian rocket body came close to the Amateur Radio satellite SEEDS (CO-66).

The near miss occurred on January 7th at 08:02: when the rocket body is said to have come within 100 metres of SEEDS (CO-66).

SEEDS was launched in April 2008 and transmits SSTV & Digi-Talker messages and occasional singing! Which gets changed regularly, this satellite has a big audience as both the SSTV & Digi update regularly.

SEEDS transmits on a frequency of 437.485 MHz using either CW running 110mW output or FM with 450 mW output.

EI4DIB Tony's Canadian Visit

Tony EI4DIB and his XYL Madeline will be visiting Canada during the summer. Tony has also been invited to participate in the Radio Amateurs of Canada R.A.C field day by the Surrey Amateur Radio Club, British Columbia over the weekend of the 25th-26th June. The Club callsign is VE7SAR. The RAC field day is the highlight of many Canadian Club activities each year, and Tony & Madeline will feel very welcome.

Tony hopes to work some EI stations while having the Field Day opportunity.

Limerick Radio Club

The next meeting of Limerick Radio Club will take place next Thursday 14 January at 7.30pm at the Limerick Institute of Technology.

Members are reminded that club meetings takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Rallies

Phoenix A.R.C Rally 14th February

The Rally will be held as usual at Coolmine Community School near Blanchardstown on Sunday 14th February 2010. Doors open from 9am to 2.30pm. Usual traders will be present and to encourage a real Amateur Radio orientated Rally bring and buy tables will be free of charge.

For tables contact Tony at 087-2349997 or Tom at 01-8211043 this is the first rally of the New Year and usually a very enjoyable occasion. Refreshments and plenty of car parking are available.

Dundalk Rally 25th April

The Rally will commence at 11.00am, followed by the IRTS AGM at 2.00pm.

Further details for booking, traders tables or any other info please e-mail the following, Thos EI2JD chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX secretary /at/ ei7dar.com

For more information on Rallies please check the IRTS Website.

This week in History

1838 Samuel Morse publicly demonstrated his telegraph for the first time in Morristown, New Jersey.

1838 The first telegraph message was sent using Morse code.

1904 Marconi Co's CQD - Distress signal introduced. Replaced by SOS in 1906.

1946 First EME moon bounce signal by amateur N4CBC 112MHz, 3000W.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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